S3473 11474 State Dept. review completed. On file Commerce Dept. release instructions apply MICROPHLMED Approved For Release 2002/05/17 PEIA-RDP 75B00380R000800080048-8 MESSAGE REFERENCE NO. CLASTIFICATION HANDLINE A-8327 UNCLASSIFIED All American Diplomatic and Consular Posts and all TO: AID and USIA Establishments Abroad CHT' K9 21 6 H 4019 DATE: Department of State FROM: STATINTL N/AE.O. 11652: APER TAGS: Authorization Of New Benefits For Foreign Service SUBJECT: Personnel REF: Authorization for the payment of death gratuities DEPT. DISTRIBUTION and increased educational travel have been included in the Department/USIA Authorization Act for fiscal year 1975, P.L. 93-475, approved October 26, 1974. However, funds for implementation of these new provisions have not been included in fiscal year EUŖ 1975 appropriations. Accordingly, implementation of the new authorities must be delayed until funds NEA MAG become available for these purposes. 10 108 Death Gratuities Section 10 of the Act authorizes death gratuities for certain Foreign Service personnel. The amendment authorizes the Secretary to prescribe regulations to provide for the payment of a gratuity to surviving DOT: 000 dependents of any Foreign Service employee who dies DIR as a result of injuries sustained in the line of FRE HEW duty outside the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The gratuity, equal to one year's salary OPIC at the time of death, is to be considered a gift and will be payable in addition to any other USIA benefit payable from any other source. To qualify, the survivor must be entitled to elect monthly compensation under the Federal Employees' Compensation Program (3 FAM 689) because the death SUGGESTED CISTRIBUTION: AID-468 copies for STATINTL UNCLASSIFIED Bennet or Miner USIA -735 copies -Mr. Wittstock Rm. 124 -1776 Penn. Ave. CLASSIFICATION 10/31/74 21273: M/DG - Nathaniel Davis PER PCE PP: RBHull PC

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resulted from an injury (excluding an illness proximately caused by employment) sustained abroad in the line of duty. The survivor may waive such compensation in order to qualify for some other benefit but must be eligible to make the election.

The death gratuity is payable to survivors as follows:

First, to the widow or widower.

Second, if there is no widow or widower, to children in equal shares below age 18; or below age 23 for students.

Third, if there is no widow, widower, or child, to the dependent parent or parents in equal shares.

If there is no such survivor, no payment would be authorized. Survivors of chiefs of mission, Foreign Service officers, Foreign Service information officers, Foreign Service Peserve officers of limited and unlimited tenure and Foreign Service staff officers and employees are eligible for benefits under this provision.

# Travel Expenses Of Student-Dependents

Section 13 of the Authorization Act also amends the educational travel allowance provision in 5 U.S. Code 5924 (4) (B) to increase the number of educational trips to one trip each year, each way for dependents of employees of the Department (including AID) and USIA to obtain a secondary and college education in the United States. In the past, only one trip each way for each type of education has been authorized. As finally enacted, the amendment applies only to employees of the Department, AID and USIA. The educational travel benefit for employees of other agencies remains unchanged.

There is no change in the provision which makes educational travel at the secondary school level an alternative benefit to educational allowances. See sections 270 and 280 of the Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas).

# Implementation

Death gratuities will be processed in Washington. Posts will be provided additional instructions and informed as soon as possible when the new travel authority can be implemented.

# Distribution

This message should be brought to the attention of all State, AID and USIA employees in each country.

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that country, except for peraphta vade of Relanda 2002/05/117d. CIA-RDP75B00380R000890089048-Antes assistance to south vietnam; re

States area military commander;
"(2) the Ambassador shall keep himself fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of the United States Government within that country, and shall insure that all Government officers and employees in that country, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander, comply fully with his directives; and

"(3) any department or agency having officers or employees in a country shall keep the United States Ambassador to that country fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of its officers and employees in that country, and shall insure that all of its officers and employees, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander, comply fully with all applicable directives of the Ambassador."

#### TRAVEL EXPENSES OF STUDENT-DEPENDENTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT AND USIA EMPLOYEES

Sec. 13. The first sentence of section 5924(4)(B) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking out "one trip each way for each dependent" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "one annual trip each way for each dependent of an employee of the Department of State or the United States Information Agency, or one trip each way for each dependent of any other employee,".

### INTERNATIONAL MATERIALS

Sec. 14. It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of State should, and he is authorized to, establish within the Department of State a bureau which shall be responsible for continuously reviewing (1) the supply, demand, and price, throughout the world, of basic raw and processed materials (including agricultural commodities), and (2) the effect of United States Government programs and policies (including tax policy) in creating or alleviating, or assisting in creating or alleviating, shortages of such materials. In conducting such review, the bureau should obtain information with respect to—

(A) the supply, demand, and price of each such material in

each major importing, exporting, and producing country and region of the world in order to understand long-term and short-

term trends in the supply, demand, and price of such materials; (B) projected imports and exports of such materials on a coun-

try-by-country basis;
(C) unusual patterns or changes in connection with the pur-

chase or sale of such materials;
(D) a list of such materials in short supply and an estimate of

the amount of shortage;
(E) international geological, geophysical, and political conditions which may affect the supply of such materials; and

(F) other matters that the Secretary considers appropriate in carrying out this section.

Sec. 15. (a) It is the sense of the Congress that—
(1) the Secretary of State should prepare a detailed future United States economic and military assistance to ernment of South Vietnam, including a specific timetable phased reduction of such assistance to the point when the States will cease to be the principal source of funds and for South Vietnam's self-defense and economic viability (2) the total number of personnel of the executive by

the United States Government (other than personnel of partment of State, the United States Information Age Central Intelligence Agency, and the Department of and volunteers carrying out the Peace Corps Act) who we ent in foreign countries on January 1, 1974, and who were or nationals of the United States, should be substantially i

(3) the total number of personnel of the Department fense assigned or detailed to military attaché activities or tary assistance advisory groups or military aid missio were present in foreign countries on January 1, 1974, a were citizens or nationals of the United States, should stantially reduced.

(b) Not later than six months after the date of enactment Act the Secretary shall report to the Speaker of the House of sentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Se the steps he has taken to carry out the provisions of this secti

And the House agree to the same.

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#### PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED

Senate bill

The Senate bill requires that the annual authorization for State Department appropriations must be enacted before appropriations can be obligated.

House amendment

No provision.

Conference substitute

The conference substitute is the same as the Senate provision.

# AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF AMBASSADORS

Senate bill

The Senate bill provided that the U.S. Ambassador to a foreign country is fully responsible for the activities of all U.S. Government employees assigned to duty in that country, except personnel under the command of a United States area military commander.

House amendment

No provision.

Conference substitute

The conference substitute is the same as the Senate provision, with a slight modification of wording.

## TRAVEL EXPENSES OF STUDENT-DEPENDENTS

Senate bill

The Senate bill contained a provision authorizing government payment for one round-trip per year rather than one trip per four years, as presently authorized, for student-dependents of U.S. Government employees stationed abroad.

House amendment

No provision.

Conference substitute

The conference substitute limited this authorization for annual trips to student-dependents of personnel of the Department of State, A.I.D., and U.S.I.A.

INTERNATIONAL MATERIALS BUREAU

Senate bill

The Senate bill provided that there would be established in the State Department a new International Materials Bureau, to be responsible for reviewing continuously the situation surrounding international trade in various vital commodities and reporting periodically thereon to the Congress and the President.

House amendment

No provision.

Conference substitute

PLAN FOR FUTURE U.S. ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VI

Sanata hil

The Senate bill requires the submission to Congress 5-year plan for future U.S. military and economic assis Vietnam.

House amendment

No provision.

 $Conference\ substitute$ 

The conference substitute declares it to be the sense of that such a plan should be prepared and requires a Congress on such preparation within six months.

REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED A

Senate bill

The Senate bill required reductions in certain U.S. signed abroad: (a) a reduction of 2 percent from the to agency personnel assigned abroad (except for State USIA, and CIA personnel and Peace Corps volunteer reduction of 10 percent in the total strength of military

House amendment

No provision.

Conference substitute

The conference substitute declares it to be the sense of all such personnel should be substantially reduced a report on such reductions within six months.

REORGANIZATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEGISLAT

Senate bill

The Senate bill contained a provision that, effective v 1976, the executive branch consolidate the authoriza Department of State, USIA, the Peace Corps, the Arm Disarmament Agency, Radio Free Europe, Radio Lil Service buildings, and foreign economic and military 3 annual bills, namely, foreign affairs, foreign economic and foreign military assistance.

House amendment

No provision.

Conference substitute

The conference substitute omits the Senate provisio

MILITARY BASE AGREEMENTS

Senate bill

The Senate bill provided that Congress must approve

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